

Metropolitan Public Lands Project

This project was a result of coordination between MoRAP and the Missouri Department of Transportation. The project began in 2003 and was completed in 2004. There is currently a second iteration of this project being worked.

Metropolitan areas in the state of Missouri are growing rapidly. Urbanization trends indicate that population density is decreasing in the cores of cities and increasing in the outlying areas. This growth has led to the need for more infrastructures within the metropolitan areas. MoDOT and MoRAP are working together to determine the location of the publicly owned areas within the cities of St. Louis, Kansas City, and Springfield, MO. These were the initial metropolitan areas selected based on their size and the fact that they are currently the fastest growing cities in the state. Data were collected for each area and merged together to create a seamless coverage of the lands for each. Further work can be done in the future to collect and reconcile public lands data for other cities within the state of Missouri.

Goal: Create an updated public lands data layer for several major metropolitan areas in the state of Missouri.